रखता है जो उसकी परचून की दुकान से सामान खरीदते हैं;

(घ) क्या उक्त विक्रेता घौला कुंआ स्थित स्टालों पर प्रति दिन अन्य सामान के साथ-साथ सैकड़ों लीटर मिट्टी के तेल की भी आपूर्ति कर रहा है;

(ङ) क्या 1172/73 नं० लाइसेंस का धारक मिट्टी के तेल का विक्रेता प्रति दिन स्थानीय गाँव के खुदरा दुकानदारों को मिट्टी के तेल की कालाबाजारी कर रहा है, जिसे वे दुकानदार 5/-रु० प्रति बोतल की दर से बेच रहे हैं; और

(च) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इन मिट्टी के तेल के विक्रेताओं के विरुद्ध दिल्ली प्रशासन, दिल्ली के सतर्कता विभाग से जांच कराने का इरादा रखती है; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (च) दिल्ली राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र की सरकार के खाद्य आपूर्ति एवं उपभोक्ता मामले के आयुक्त के कार्यालय की प्रवर्तन शाखा में अनुज्ञप्ति संख्या 1172/73 वाले मिट्टी के तेल के डीलर के विरुद्ध एक शिकायत प्राप्त हुई थी और डिपु की दिनांक 12-8-93 की जांच की गई थी । तथापि, अनुज्ञप्ति संख्या 1966/79 वाले मिट्टी के तेल के डीलर के विरुद्ध विगत में कोई शिकायत नहीं मिली है ।

(ङ) और (च) डीलर के विरुद्ध दिल्ली मिट्टी का तेल (निर्यात और मूल्य) नियंत्रण आदेश, 1962 के प्रावधानों के अंतर्गत कार्रवाई की जा रही है ।

Opening of LPG Sector to Private Companies

4091. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the LPG sector has been opened to the private companies for its import and distribution;

(b) if so, the names of the private companies which have shown interest in this new scheme;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government have framed guidelines in this respect; if so, details thereof; and

(d) what is the position in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Under the parallel Marketing System, private agencies have been allowed to import LPG using/setting up their own facilities, LPG bottling plants and distribution network for sale of such imported LPG at market determined prices. So far more than 280 entrepreneurs/firms/companies including multinationals have shown interest in the parallel marketing of LPG.

(c) and (d) The important provisions related to Parallel Marketing of LPG are included in the LPG (Regulation, Supply and Distribution) order, 1993. Under this order, the parallel Marketeers are required to intimate the Government, their intimation and capabilities to import, transport, bottle, market, distribute or sale LPG, before they commence these activities and submit a monthly return giving details of the LPG imported by them. Besides, they have to furnish to the Govt. or to such authorities as specified by the Govt. OR on all relevant particulars and information required by the Govt. The parallel Marketeers can only use cylinders of size, shape, design and weight, different from those specified for the Public Sector Oil Companies. The gas cylinder valves and pressure regulators have also to be of size different from that used by the Public Sector Oil Companies.

Survey of Railway Line between Bilaspur-Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh

4092. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) when was the survey conducted to lay a new railway line between Bilaspur-Jabalpur in Madhya Pradesh and area of land acquired for this purpose;

(b) district-wise area of land acquired and the amount of compensation paid;

(c) cost of the construction assessed after the survey and the cost being assessed at present;

(d) the reasons and difficulties in the past and also at present in giving clearance to the said project; and

(e) the details of the on going action and views regarding the construction of this railway line by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Extension of Nanchandi Express from Meerut upto Saharanpur

4093. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Minister had assured in the House during last Budget Session that 'Nauchandi Express' will be extended from Meerut upto Saharanpur from 1st July, 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Prime Minister had assured an all party delegation on 5th July, 1993 during the course of a public meeting at Saharanpur that Railway Minister's assurance on Nauchandi Express will be implemented;

(c) whether above mentioned assurances have been fulfilled; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A portion of Allahabad-Meerut Nauchandi Express has been extended to/from Saharanpur w.e.f. 1-7-93.

Development/Improvement in Rail Services

4094. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of development/improvement in rail services made in the N.F. Railway during the last five years, year-wise and in the current year so far;

(b) what specific proposals are under Government's consideration for the development/improvement of rail services in the said railway and by when these proposals are likely to be implemented;

(c) the details of sales generated by Dibrugarh, Tinsukia, Lumding and New Bongaigaon stations of the said railway both in terms of rupees as well as number of tickets during last five years ending July, 1993 month-wise break-up and the relevant percentage of increase/decrease;

(d) whether present facilities at Dibrugarh Railway Station are far from adequate to meet the growing traffic; if so, what specific plans are required to be developed at this station; and

(e) whether government propose to reconsider its earlier decision of not to develop Dibrugarh Railway Station as a model station; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

4095. *[Transferred to 27th August, 1993].*

Monitoring Punctuality of Super Fast Trains

4096. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are monitoring punctuality of Super Fast Trains;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken to improve punctuality of long-distance trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punctuality of 62 pairs of Super fast trains during the last one year (August '92 to July '93) has averaged 75.5%.

(c) All possible steps within the control of the Railways including intensive chasing and round the clock mohitoring are taken to improve punctuality of trains.

Electrification in the Railways

4097. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of Indian Railways in the major Railways so far electrification is concerned;

(b) average track electrified during last five years;

(c) the details of major routes to be electrified by the end of the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) whether there is any proposal to electrify Manmad-Daund track; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) India, with 17% of electrified route ranks 11th amongst the international railways as far as percentage of electrified route is concerned.

(b) 626.6 Route Kilometres per year.

(c) The following major routes are already electrified:

1. Howrah-Delhi.
2. Delhi-Bombay (via Western Railway).
3. Delhi-Bombay (via Central Railway).
4. Delhi-Madras G.T. route.